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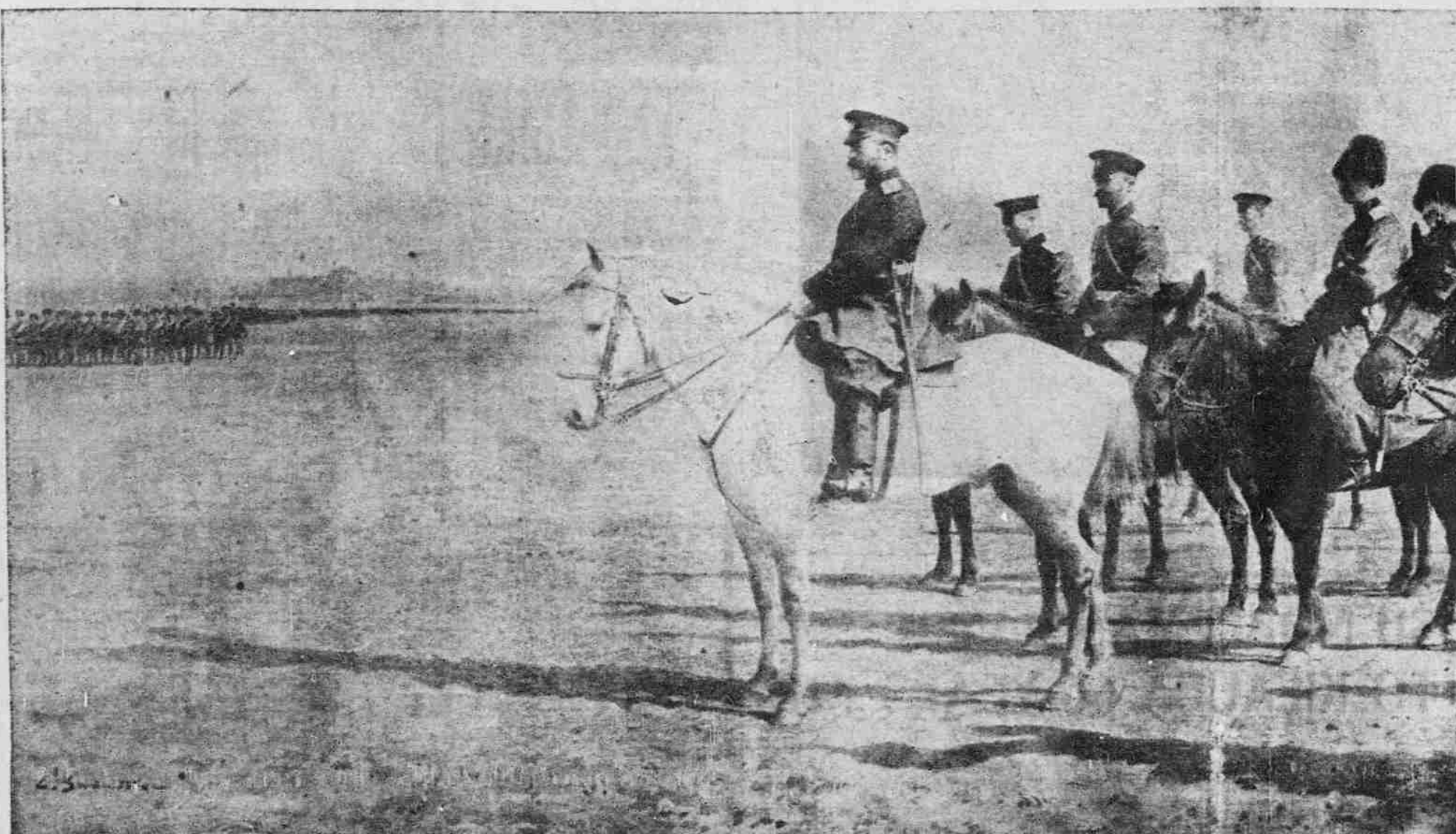
PRICE FIVE CENTS

VLADIVOSTOK SHIPS SEEN OFF THE ENTRANCE TO JAPAN'S INLAND SEA

UNCLE SAM IS AFTER LAND

Picks Out Four Fine Beach Locations As Sites For Coast Defence Batteries.

Also Negotiating for a \$70,000 Block of Land at Puuloa Where a Pearl Harbor Fort Will be Built.



GENERAL KUROPATKIN REVIEWING TROOPS.

Japanese Generals Closing In On Kuropatkin, Krupp Works Going Overtime—The Knight Commander Case—American Protest Over Seizures—Sculptor Rogers Dead.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TOKIO, July 28.—The Vladivostok squadron has been sighted off the province of Awa.

Awa province is located on the western side of the northeastern entrance to the Inland Sea, the great waterway of Japan which provides ingress to such important ports as Osaka and Kobe and is also a short route from the Pacific to the Japan Sea.

This sea is from eight to forty miles in width and about 350 miles long. Japan has fortified each end of this great waterway and various islands dotting it.

The sighting of the squadron at this point shows that during the past two days it has steamed about 300 miles to the southwest of the entrance to the bay on which Yokohama is situated.

It is possible that the change of position by the Russian fleet will permit the Korea to enter Yokohama without running the gauntlet of Russian fire, as she will probably reach the entrance to Sagami Sea and Yokohama today.

THE MALACCA GOES FREE.

ALGIERS, July 28.—The British steamer Malacca has been released.

RUSSIAN PRESS SILENT.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28.—The press makes no comment on the affair of the Knight Commander.

SIBERIA SUFFERING.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28.—Eastern Siberia is suffering for supplies owing to the military monopolization of the railroad.

PROTESTS AGAINST SEIZURES.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—American shipowners are protesting to the State Department against the Russian seizures.

RUSSIA STOCKING UP.

ESSEN, July 28.—The Krupp gun works are running overtime on Russian orders.

JAPANESE STRATEGY.

TIENTSIN, July 28.—Generals Kuroki and Nogi are trying to get in the rear of Kuropatkin.

ENGLAND STILL ACTIVE.

LONDON, July 28.—The report that naval maneuvers have been countermanded is officially denied. Premier Balfour announces in the Commons that he feared the sinking of the Knight Commander was a breach of international law.

KUROPATKIN'S PERIL.

LONDON, July 28.—With two armies converging upon Haicheng, it is not believed Kuropatkin will hold that position long.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—The Japanese have occupied Tatchekiao.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The Gaelic, bound for Yokohama, has been ordered held at Midway.

TOKIO, July 27.—The Vladivostok squadron has been sighted sixty miles off Tokio Bay.

CHEFOO, July 27.—The Japanese are reported to have destroyed the Lieut. Pukuroff and two other Russian torpedo boats.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The owners of the flour cargo on the steamer Arabia, captured by the Russians, have filed claims for indemnity.

LONDON, July 27.—Orders for naval maneuvers have been countermanded, leaves of absences cancelled and furloughs recalled to England. The British Government has demanded reparation from Russia for sinking the British steamer Knight Commander.

FRENCH CRUISERS SAIL.

TOULON, July 28.—Two cruisers have sailed for Tangier.

WM. C. WHITNEY'S ESTATE.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The estate of the late Wm. C. Whitney is valued at \$21,000,000.

The extent to which Mr. Whitney's great estates rivaled those of the English aristocracy is seen when the catalogue of them is given. His New York residence at 871 Fifth avenue, on the corner of Sixty-eighth street, with its rare tapestries, old paintings, and splendid furnishings, is one of the finest in the country, and is valued at \$2,000,000. "Among his other estates," omitting mention of October mountain in Berkshire, the New York Times gives the following:

Venetian palace in the Wheatley hills, near Jamaica, including an estate of 5,000 acres.

Sheephead Bay house, with private track and 300 acres.

Berkshire hills mansion, with 700 acres of land surrounding it.

Stony Ford farm, New York, used as an auxiliary to his Kentucky stock farm.

Adirondacks game preserve of 16,000 acres.

Lodge at Blue Mountain lake with a fine golf course.

Blue grass farm of 3,000 acres in Kentucky.

Aiken, S. C., estate, comprising a mansion, a rare course, and 2,000 acres of hunting land.

SCULPTOR OF ROGERS' GROUPS IS DEAD.

NEW HAVEN, July 28.—Rogers, the sculptor, is dead.

John Rogers, the sculptor, became famous chiefly through what were known as "Rogers' Groups." Time was when these small statues were part and parcel of every well regulated home in the United States but now they are out of the fashion. John Rogers was born in 1829 and worked in various trades until he began modelling small statuette groups in 1860, mostly war subjects while the Civil War lasted, and later social subjects like his famous "Going to the Minister."

CALLED ON PARKER.

ESOPUS, N. Y., July 28.—Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall and the members of the Democratic National Committee called on Candidate Parker today. The gathering was harmonious.

BEET SUGAR AFFECTED.

BERLIN, July 28.—The beet sugar crop is suffering from a drouth.

CHICAGO, July 28.—A strike of freight-handlers is feared. If it takes place a strike of switchmen will follow.

According to property-owners and real-estate agents interested, a man from the War Department has been here for some time seeking options on sites for forts. So far as his choice is known, the Hobron, Schaefer, Pratt and Afong properties on Waikiki beach have been picked out for a battery site and part of the Dowsett-Dillingham holdings on Puuloa for a large fort. Lieut. Slattery admits that "things are doing," but declines to name localities. It is said that 1300 feet of beach front are wanted. The property named lies between the holdings of the Waterhouse estate and S. M. Damon.

On the Puuloa side of the Pearl Harbor channel the War Department proposes to take over about one hundred acres of land and in connection with the erection of the batteries will also establish a military post, subordinate to the main army post and headquarters to be erected at Kahauiki on the foothills near Moanalua.

There is another proposition for the additional defense of the Pearl Harbor naval works which involves the acquisition of land on the Honolulu side of Pearl Harbor channel, but the location has not been fully decided upon.

The entire matter of acquiring sites for coast defenses is in the hands of Lieut. Slattery, Engineer Corps, United States Army, who is also the engineer officer attached to the United States Lighthouse District in Hawaii. For several months Lieut. Slattery has been engaged in watching the trend of real estate values both in the city and in the country, and ascertaining from every available source the market price of the several pieces of land involved in the proposed battery locations.

It is not known just the amount involved in the several transactions at Puuloa but it is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$70,000. The Waikiki property has a greater value in proportion to the area, being improved grounds and of additional value by reason of their being beach frontages. All property bordering directly on the beach at Waikiki is considered to have an added value to adjoining property and it is possible the United States may have to pay well to obtain these choice locations.

At Puuloa there is a vast amount of unimproved property, but as one owner had originally platted the land for a townsite and had sold several of the lots at fair prices, a stiff figure has been asked for the property. The War Department's representative considers this price too high and negotiations are now pending to arrive at a figure satisfactory to both sides. As a last resort the Department would undertake condemnation proceedings to obtain this land, but does not desire to pursue this course.

It is understood that the War Department is anxious to close up the various deals so that the property may be available at any time in the future and ready for improvements necessary for receiving the great batteries facing out upon the sea and for transforming the flat area into a military post fully equipped with an arsenal, barracks, magazines, repair shops, offices, quarters for the officers, etc. This will adjoin the naval reservation where

it is proposed to construct dry docks in the locks, and all the vast number of buildings necessary to comprise a first rate naval base.

The numerical strength and range of the batteries is not known. This is one of the military and naval secrets which are not to be made public, but it is known that the defenses are to be constructed and manned so as to be able to keep a hostile fleet at least five miles distant from the entrance to Pearl Harbor.

The batteries at Waikiki are to have the same minimum range so that both the Puuloa and Waikiki defenses could prevent a fleet from maneuvering from off the mouth of the Honolulu harbor. When the department also erects batteries near the foot of Diamond Head the beach front of Oahu will bristle with the heaviest type of coast-defense guns.

SEVEN HURT IN FIGHT

Chinese Factions Had Battle At Wai-alua.

Deputy High Sheriff Chillingworth received word early this morning that there had been a big fight among warring Chinese factions at Wai-alua last night. The battle is said to have taken place at Achi's store and seven men were injured, and it is believed that one of these will die.

Deputy Sheriff Cox telephoned that twenty Chinese had attacked the store at seven o'clock. They ransacked the place, broke open a trunk and seized a quantity of money.

When the Wai-alua police arrived on the scene of the fight they found seven injured men lying about. Five of these had belonged to the invaders. One of the defenders of the store had been shot and will probably die.

Dr. Hubert Wood, the plantation physician, attended to the wounded.

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth will go to Wai-alua this morning and endeavor to arrest the men who attacked the store. As it was a result of factional troubles there may be considerable difficulty in learning who the men were.